As on date the observed trends in temperature are qualitatively similar to the predicted model results but the rainfall data does not show any significant trend except that a marginal reduction in rainfall of Central has been noticed during the recent decade.

(c) Does not arise.

Maintenance of food products

†1176. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether food products get rotten and become useless in absence of their maintenance; and

(b) if so, the details of the efforts being made by Government to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Food is a perishable item and it can be preserved by processing. For promoting food processing, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is operating various Plan schemes to provide financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid for Technology upgradation / Modernization / Establishment of food processing units, Development of Infrastructure, Human Resource Development, Promotion of Quality Assurance, Codex Standards, R&D, besides for other promotional measures to encourage development of the food processing industries.

Investment in Food Processing Sector

†1177. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investment likely to be made on food processing sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether there is a possibility for setting up of new food testing laboratories, slaughter houses, cold storages and National Meat Board in the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Government will be promoting the setting up of food processing industries and other related activities through various Plan schemes during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period through financial assistance and other incentives. The investment proposals for the Eleventh Five Year Plan have not been finalized so far?

(b) and (c) The proposals for the Eleventh Five Year Plan of the Ministry could include continuation of some of the existing components under various schemes including financial assistance for setting up of food parks, food testing laboratories, cold storages, modernization of abattoirs etc. It is proposed to set up a National Meat Board for overseeing the growth and further promotion of Meat and Poultry sector in the country.

Policy for development of Food Processing Industries in Sikkim

1178. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a policy for development and promotion of food processing industries in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details alongwith salient features thereof; and

(c) by when the said policy is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Schemes of the Ministry are project oriented and not State or area specific. For promotion and development of food processing industries, Government has already been implementing several Plan schemes. Under the scheme for Technology upgradation / Modernization / Establishment